

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6083–S6140

Measures Introduced: Sixteen bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1401–1416, S. Res. 207–211, and S. Con. Res. 21. **Pages S6126–27**

Measures Reported:

S. 415, to clarify the collateral requirement for certain loans under section 7(d) of the Small Business Act, to address assistance to out-of-State small business concerns, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 113–84)

H.R. 1171, to amend title 40, United States Code, to improve veterans service organizations access to Federal surplus personal property.

S. 233, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 815 County Road 23 in Tyrone, New York, as the “Specialist Christopher Scott Post Office Building”.

S. 668, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14 Main Street in Brockport, New York, as the “Staff Sergeant Nicholas J. Reid Post Office Building”.

S. 796, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 302 East Green Street in Champaign, Illinois, as the “James R. Burgess Jr. Post Office Building”.

S. 885, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 35 Park Street in Danville, Vermont, as the “Thaddeus Stevens Post Office”.

S. 1093, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 130 Caldwell Drive in Hazlehurst, Mississippi, as the “First Lieutenant Alvin Chester Cockrell, Jr. Post Office Building”.

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Measures Passed:

NATO Allied Command Transformation 10-year Anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Res. 156, expressing the sense of the Senate on the 10-year anniversary of NATO Allied Command Transformation, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S6137–38**

National Airborne Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 207, designating August 16, 2013, as “National Airborne Day”. **Page S6138**

National Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 208, designating the week beginning September 8, 2013, as “National Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week”. **Page S6138**

Sikh Temple of Wisconsin Shooting Anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Res. 209, remembering the anniversary of the tragic shooting on August 5, 2012, at the Sikh Temple of Wisconsin in Oak Creek, Wisconsin. **Page S6138**

Recognizing and Honoring Robert S. Mueller, III: Senate agreed to S. Res. 210, recognizing and honoring Robert S. Mueller, III, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. **Page S6138**

National Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 211, designating September 2013 as “National Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month”. **Page S6138**

Measures Considered:

Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of S. 1243, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S6085–95**

Rejected:

Paul Amendment No. 1739, to redirect certain foreign assistance to the Government of Egypt as a result of the July 3, 2013, military coup d’etat. (By 86 yeas to 13 nays (Vote No. 195), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S6085–95**

Pending:

Murray (for Cardin) Modified Amendment No. 1760, to require the Secretary of Transportation to submit to Congress a report relating to the condition of lane miles and highway bridge deck. **Page S6085**

Coburn Amendment No. 1750, to prohibit funds from being directed to federal employees with unpaid Federal tax liability. **Page S6085**

Coburn Amendment No. 1751, to prohibit Federal funding of union activities by Federal employees. **Page S6085**

Coburn Amendment No. 1754, to prohibit Federal funds from being used to meet the matching requirements of other Federal Programs. **Page S6085**

Murphy Amendment No. 1783, to require the Secretary of Transportation to assess the impact on domestic employment of a waiver of the Buy American requirement for Federal-aid highway projects prior to issuing the waiver. **Page S6085**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that on Thursday, August 1, 2013, upon disposition of the nomination of Raymond T. Chen, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit, Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the bill; and that following the cloture vote, Senate recess until 2 p.m. for the bipartisan caucus meeting. **Page S6140**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the second-degree filing deadline for amendments to the bill be 11 a.m., on Thursday, August 1, 2013. **Pages S6139–40**

Chen Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 11 a.m., on Thursday, August 1, 2013, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Raymond T. Chen, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit; that there be 60 minutes for debate equally divided in the usual form; that following the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote, without intervening action or debate, on confirmation of the nomination; that no further motions be in order; and Senate then resume legislative session. **Page S6100**

Power Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 2 p.m., on Thursday, August 1, 2013, Senate resume consideration of the nomination of Samantha Power, of Massachusetts, to be the Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador, and the Representative of the United States of America in the Security Council of the United Nations, under the order of Tuesday, July 30, 2013. **Page S6100**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 53 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. EX. 197), Byron Todd Jones, of Minnesota, to be Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives.

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During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 60 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. 196), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having

voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Kenneth L. Mossman, of Arizona, to be a Member of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board for a term expiring October 18, 2016.

Sylvia I. Garcia, of Michigan, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Transportation.

Jo Emily Handelsman, of Connecticut, to be an Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy.

Michael L. Connor, of New Mexico, to be Deputy Secretary of the Interior.

Sarah Bloom Raskin, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of the Treasury.

L. Paige Marvel, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years.

John L. Estrada, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago.

Noah Bryson Mamet, of California, to be Ambassador to the Argentine Republic.

Robert O. Blake, Jr., of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Indonesia.

Thomas Frederick Daughton, of Arizona, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Namibia.

Philip S. Goldberg, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Philippines.

Michael Stephen Hoza, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cameroon.

Eunice S. Reddick, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Niger.

Karen Clark Stanton, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste.

Gregory B. Starr, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Diplomatic Security).

Kenneth R. Weinstein, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 2014.

Amy Jane Hyatt, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Palau.

France A. Cordova, of New Mexico, to be Director of the National Science Foundation for a term of six years. **Page S6140**

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—197)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 8:17 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, August 1, 2013. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S6139–40.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 1376, to improve the Federal Housing Administration and to ensure the solvency of the Mutual Mortgage Insurance Fund, with amendments.

ENERGY DRINKS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine energy drinks, focusing on exploring concerns about marketing to youth, after receiving testimony from Senator Durbin; Marcie Beth Schneider, American Academy of Pediatrics, Elk Grove Village, Illinois; Jennifer L. Harris, Yale University Rudd Center for Food Policy and Obesity, New Haven, Connecticut; William R. Spencer, Suffolk County Legislator, Centerport, New York; Amy Taylor, Red Bull North America, Inc., Santa Monica, California; Rodney Sacks, Monster Beverage Corporation, Corona, California; Janet Weiner, Rockstar, Inc., Las Vegas, Nevada; and James R. Coughlin, Aliso Viejo, California.

NATIONAL PARKS BILLS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks concluded a hearing to examine S. 398, to establish the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Women's History Museum, S. 524, to amend the National Trails System Act to provide for the study of the Pike National Historic Trail, S. 618, to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct certain special resource studies, S. 702, to designate the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor as "The Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor", S. 781, to modify the boundary of Yo-

semitic National Park, S. 782, to amend Public Law 101–377 to revise the boundaries of the Gettysburg National Military Park to include the Gettysburg Train Station, S. 869, to establish the Alabama Black Belt National Heritage Area, S. 925, to improve the Lower East Side Tenement National Historic Site, S. 995, to authorize the National Desert Storm Memorial Association to establish the National Desert Storm and Desert Shield Memorial as a commemorative work in the District of Columbia, S. 974, to provide for certain land conveyances in the State of Nevada, S. 1044, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to install in the area of the World War II Memorial in the District of Columbia a suitable plaque or an inscription with the words that President Franklin D. Roosevelt prayed with the United States on D-Day, June 6, 1944, S. 1071, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to make improvements to support facilities for National Historic Sites operated by the National Park Service, S. 1138, to reauthorize the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area, S. 1151, to reauthorize the America's Agricultural Heritage Partnership in the State of Iowa, S. 1157, to reauthorize the Rivers of Steel National Heritage Area, the Lackawanna Valley National Heritage Area, the Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor, and the Schuylkill River Valley National Heritage Area, S. 1186, to reauthorize the Essex National Heritage Area, S. 1252, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the Missisquoi River and the Trout River in the State of Vermont, as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, S. 1253, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain segments of the Farmington River and Salmon Brook in the State of Connecticut as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, S. 1328, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the archeological site and surrounding land of the New Philadelphia town site in the State of Illinois, S. 1339, to reauthorize the Ohio & Erie Canal National Heritage Canalway, H.R. 674, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating prehistoric, historic, and limestone forest sites on Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, as a unit of the National Park System, H.R. 885, to expand the boundary of the San Antonio Missions National Historical Park, H.R. 1033 and S. 916, bills to authorize the acquisition and protection of nationally significant battlefields and associated sites of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812 under the American Battlefield Protection Program, and H.R. 1158, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to continue stocking fish in certain lakes in the North Cascades National Park,